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5230 Evaluation

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Service Trip on the San Jacinto District, NF's
in Texas

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During the week of June 21, 1976, Neil Overgaard made a biological evaluation of the southern pine beetle on the San Jacinto District. He also had a chance to visit with District personnel concerning various aspects of the ongoing southern pine beetle project.

The District has been making an effort to salvage southern pine beetle infested timber; however, because of spring and winter rains this year, loggers have been unable to get into the woods to expedite operations. For this reason, approximately 219 spots averaging 39 southern pine beetle infested trees each were found during the June flight. Many of these spots are new infestations and are highly active. One spot consisted of 40 acres of beetle killed timber which the District has been unable to salvage since last year because of inaccessibility.

The pulpwood market presently is flooded because of the abundance of southern pine beetle infested timber being salvaged on adjacent private land. Therefore, the District has had difficulty selling small sized timber. Infested pulpwood is being left standing after salvage of sawtimber in some spots, and this is causing breakouts to occur in these spots.

It appears that more scouts are needed to step up the control program. This additional manpower is needed to find and mark infested timber and to make follow-up inspections of treated spots. Also, cooperation needs to be solicited from pulpwood mills to take more beetle infested timber. If salvage of pulpwood sized trees is impossible, or is greatly delayed, these should be cut and sprayed with 0.5 percent lindane in diesel fuel.

Please give us a call if you have questions or if we can help in preparing your FY 77 southern pine beetle project proposal package.

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